CHAPTER 602

(House Bill 43)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Standard Policy Provisions - <u>Task Force to Study the</u> Non-Group Health Insurance Market

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law apply to contracts between nonprofit health service plans and their subscribers; requiring certain provisions to be included in certain group and blanket health insurance policies and nonprofit health service plan contracts; authorizing the use of certain other provisions in certain group and blanket health insurance policies and nonprofit health service plan contracts; and generally relating to certain policy provisions in group, individual, and blanket-policies and nonprofit health service plan contracts requiring the Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations governing standard contract provisions to be used by certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations by a certain date; repealing certain provisions of law relating to standard health insurance policy provisions, subject to a certain contingency; establishing a Task Force to Study the Non-Group Health Insurance Market; establishing the membership of the Task Force; establishing duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations and to take into account and examine certain issues; providing that the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission shall provide staff support for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a preliminary report and a final report on its findings and recommendations on or before certain dates; providing that the implementation of a certain substantial, available, and affordable coverage product shall be suspended until the Task Force issues a certain preliminary report; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to certify to certain committees and to the Department of Legislative Services that a certain contingency has occurred; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to standard health insurance contract provisions and the non-group health insurance market.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article Insurance

Section 14 102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 774 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article Incurance

Section 15-303

Annetated Code of Maryland